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BARRIER LAYER BY EXPANDING THERMAL PLASMA**

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A Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application Serial. No. 10/063,917 filed May 23, 2002, is being filed herewith. This Preliminary Amendment details changes to be made to the originally filed claims.

**Amendments to the specification** are given on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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